

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please amend the abstract as follows:**

-- ~~The invention relates to A-cosmetic methods of treating human skin, by delivering an estrogenic component to said skin, The method comprising includes~~ applying to the skin a composition containing: (i) ~~at least 5  $\mu$ g/g of an estrogenic component selected from the group consisting of substances represented by the following formula 1 in which formula R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> independently are a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group with 1-5 carbon atoms; each of R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub> is a hydroxyl group; no more than 3 of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> are hydrogen atoms; precursors capable of liberating a substance according to the aforementioned formula when used in the present method; and mixtures of one or more of the aforementioned substances and/or precursors; and (ii) a cosmetically acceptable vehicle. Other aspects of the invention relate to therapeutic methods of treating or preventing vaginal dryness or acne and a therapeutic method of promoting wound healing. Another aspect relates to a skin care composition comprising the aforementioned estrogenic component and a cosmetically acceptable vehicle. --~~

A clean copy of the abstract is attached.

Attachment: Clean copy of the abstract (1 page)